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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Department of Genetics, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Relatively recently it has become possible to have visiting lecturers here under the Louis Block Fund. We in this department feel that one of the more productive ventures in this connection is a short series of lectures which will allow the lecturer to develop his topic as he sees fit.

We should be especially pleased to have you as the first of such visiting lecturers in this department. Such lectures are, of course, open and many people from all parts of the university attend. So I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to give a series of three to five lectures on successive days sometime next November. I realize that this is asking a good deal for you will be trying to get settled in Berkeley, but we hope it is not asking too much.

The general subject should be of your own choosing, and it would also be for you to decide whether you would prefer to give as few as three or as many as five lectures. I have suggested November since by this time the flurry of opening the academic year has subsided and the Christmas holidays are not yet upon us. Other than within such approximate limits, the time should suit your convenience.

If you are able to consider this seriously, I suggest also that you consider the possibility of publication in more or less monograph form of the material you present. On preliminary inquiry I have found that the University Press would be much interested in its publication.

In the mundane sordid area, we would, of course, be responsible for your travel expenses, living expenses here for the period of the lectures, and can offer an honorarium of \$200.

I am looking forward to hearing from you, and hope your reply will be favorable. Meantime, with cordial personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

William Burnows